

Medical Information in Scotland

Visitors to the United Kingdom do not qualify for treatment under the National Health Service (NHS). American citizens who are living temporarily in the United Kingdom should check if they qualify for free NHS treatment under the terms of their stay. American visitors are expected to pay for treatment at the time of the visit. All travelers should have sufficient medical insurance available to cover the cost of all medical treatment received while in the United Kingdom - fees are dealt with by the administrative offices of the individual medical institution. If you need a doctor while you are visiting Scotland, ask your hotel to put you in touch with their on-call physician. If you are staying with friends or family, try calling their doctor for treatment.

Admission to a hospital may require referral from a general practitioner or through a consultant. You should confirm this with the individual hospital. For an extensive list of clinics, hospitals, and general practitioners, please consult the Yellow Pages telephone directory, local Thompson Directory, or your local library. It is important to contact the doctor's office (surgery) in advance for an appointment. The Consulate is aware of medical services in Scotland you may use, contact details below. The Consulate cannot accept any responsibility for the professional ability or integrity of the persons whose names appear below. Fees are entirely a matter for agreement between the individual and the practitioner. BUPA has several Wellness Centers throughout Scotland offering private general practitioner services, health assessments and treatment. You can find your local service by visiting their website, www.bupa.co.uk/wellness/asp/locations/index.asp.

- GP-Plus Edinburgh, One Wemyss Place, Edinburgh EH3 6DH; www.gpplus.com;
 - o Telephone: 0845 1196049
- The City Health Clinic, 51 Lothian Road, Edinburgh EH 2DJ
 - o Telephone 0131 228 2442
- GP Matters Glasgow, 87 Barrington Drive, Glasgow G4 9ES; www.gpmatters.com
 - o Telephone: 0141 339 0894
- Albyn Hospital Aberdeen, 21-24 Albyn Place, Aberdeen AB10 1RW; www.bmilhealthcare.co.uk/ablbyn
 - o Telephone: 01224 595993

There are accident and emergency departments at hospitals throughout Scotland including:

- Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, 51 Little France Cresent, Old Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh EH16 4SA
 - o Telephone: 0131 536 1000
- Glasgow Royal Infirmary, 84 Castle Street, Glasgow G4 OSF
 - o Telephone 0141 211 4000
- Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Foresterhill, Aberdeen AB25 2ZN

In an emergency (e.g. unconscious, serious bleeding, severe breathing difficulties) dial 999 and ask for an ambulance. If you are still having problems finding a doctor, please call us on 0131 556 8315.

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